

Regarding the addition of new casinos in CT:

I have never been in favor of the casinos in our state....we rely on them for income which is most unfortunate for they are uncertain, especially as they lose their appeal.

I think it is absolutely wrong to encourage activity which is unwholesome (gambling along with drinking) and does nothing to better the condition of our citizens, especially the vulnerable who are addicts to gambling and our seniors who seem to find nothing better to do than participate by the busload.

To add more casinos to the two complexes we have now is wrong, wrong, wrong both morally and I think economically. I come from NJ and Atlantic City is a pathetic example of what can happen to gambling venues; the poor suffer, the environment is degraded, jobs are lost which have been depended upon but are risky to begin with.

If we think that plopping three more on our borders will be a benefit, then shame on us. We are sadly deluded; it is a pipe dream; it speaks ill of our leadership.

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